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Re: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges - Notice of Rate Increase of the Hammond Water District Setting Forth the Increased Bulk Water Charge Beginning July 15, 2014, and Request Approval to Pass-Through Costs to Affected Customers
Docket No. 2013-201-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd,

Please allow this memorandum to serve as notification that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not oppose the application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Incorporated ("USSC") for Adjustment of Rates and Charges - Notice of Rate Increase of the Hammond Water District Setting Forth the Increased Bulk Water Charge Beginning July 15, 2014, and Request Approval to Pass-Through Costs to Affected Customers.

The scheduled of rates that is applicable to the customers in this area are those rates previously authorized by Commission Order No. 2013-910 and 2015-30 issued on December 27, 2013 and January 7, 2015, respectively, in Docket No. 2013-201-WS. The approved rates require the utility to give customers "...thirty days' notice before the increase in the purchase water charges to be passed through may be put into effect." ORS therefore recommends that the increased bulk water charges from Hammond Water District only be applied to the water used by the customers no sooner than thirty days following the issuance of the notice to the customers as authorized by USSC's approved tariff.

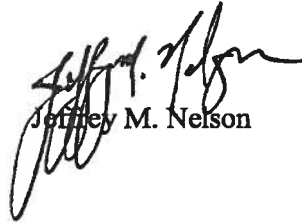
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Yours Truly,



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